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Mr. Don Klima, Director
Office of Planning and Review
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
The Old Post Office Building
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, #809
Washington, DC 20004

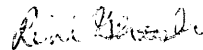
Re: AB-227 (Sub-No. 9X) – Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company –
Abandonment Exemption – in Harrison and Jefferson Counties, OH

Dear Mr. Klima:

The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is the office within the Surface Transportation Board responsible for conducting the environmental review process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, including the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). By letter dated February 11, 2002 (copy enclosed) SEA notified the Council of the finding of adverse effect to historic properties for the above-titled proceeding and provided the Council with required documentation.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(b)(1)(iv) of the regulations implementing section 106 of NHPA please find enclosed a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which resulted from the section 106 consultation process for the above-titled proceeding. The MOA will assist Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company in avoiding or mitigating any adverse effects resulting from the proposed abandonment. The filing of this MOA with the Council completes our compliance responsibilities under section 106 of NHPA.

Sincerely yours,



Rini Ghosh
Section of Environmental Analysis

cc: Mr. David Snyder, Ohio Historical Society
Mr. William Sippel, Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company
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